

HOUSE RESOLUTION 229

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rickey O'Neal Field for his honorable and astute service to his community and the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Rickey O'Neal Field is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Murfreesboro, Mr. Field graduated from Oakland High School and then attended Middle Tennessee State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in December of 1980; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Field has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity while serving estimably as an educator; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Field has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and students at Riverdale High School, where he is Head of the Wellness Department and serves invaluable as an Assistant Football Coach, Head Track Coach, and FCA Huddle Coach; and

WHEREAS, he is an exceptionally talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, as scholars, athletes, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Field truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Field is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Rickey Field is an invaluable member of his community, and he actively participates in numerous civic organizations, including Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, widely known for his wise counsel and unsurpassed leadership abilities, he has served as an advocate for the Youth Can Program and as a Member of the Boards of the Drug Court of Rutherford County, the A.W.A.R.E. Program, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Southeast Middle Tennessee, and the Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he is an active member of Freedom of Worship, where he serves as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Rickey Field is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of seventeen years, Bernice, and he is dedicated to perpetuating the highest standards of family and community values; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving father of Marlon Field, Fernando Bryant, Ginger Wells, and Crystal Vaughn-Delmar and the proud grandfather of Maya Jazzmen Field, Marlon Field Jr., Marvion Field, Kelsey Vaughn-Delmar, and Fernando Bryant II; and

WHEREAS, Rickey O'Neal Field is wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Rickey O'Neal Field for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a devoted educator and community servant of the greatest merit and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to him our fondest wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.